

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF GODDARD
118 NORTH MAIN, GODDARD, KS
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015**

The Goddard City Council met in a Regular Session at Goddard City Hall on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gregory presiding. Mayor Gregory provided the invocation. Council members present were Joe Torske, Larry Zimmerman and Enrique Ramirez. Councilmembers Chris Hahn and Chris Hedrick were absent.

Also present were: Brian Silcott, City Administrator; Teri Laymon, City Clerk; Sam Houston, Police Chief; Matt Lawn, City Treasurer; and Harlan Foraker, City Engineer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember *Ramirez* moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember *Zimmerman* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cliff Cross, 23 Cedar Pointe Court, approached the City Council regarding a drainage problem at his rental property, 21 Cedar Pointe Court. Mr. Cross explained that the drainage problem started after the construction of Kwik Shop, next to his property and while the City did make an attempt a couple of years ago to alleviate the problem by putting in a drain in the back yard the problem still exists. Cross said he approached Kwik Shop as the City feels that the problem is now Kwik Shop's/Mr. Cross' responsibility to correct the drainage problem. Cross presented a letter from Todd Mills, Director of Construction for Kwik Shop, Inc., that stated, "It is Kwik Shop's position that the correction of this problem doesn't fall into our purview. The project went through the formalized building plans review process, obtained a building permit, and received the certificate of occupancy without any concern noted about the drainage in relation to this property."

Discussion ensued regarding the different elevations across the property and possible solutions to remedy the problem. Councilmember Torske stated he would go look at the property and give Mr. Cross a call.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Mayor Gregory announced Julie and Tom Campa as the Goddard Gratitude Award recipients. Gregory stated that both Julie and Tom teach at Eisenhower Middle School, Julie is a literacy advocate and does a lot of reading with her students and Tom is a Youth Baseball Coach. Gregory added that the Campas' were instrumental in bringing Gail Halvorson, also known as the Berlin Candy Bomber, to speak to the Goddard School District students.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk submitted for approval, the consent agenda, which includes the minutes of the regular meeting dated June 15, 2015 and two accounts payable lists dated June 16, 2015 and July 2, 2015 for a total of \$144,965.82.

MOTION: Councilmember *Torske* moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember *Ramirez* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC ART DISPLAY IN LINEAR PARK

Brian Silcott, City Administrator stated that on July 15, 2013 the governing body unanimously approved placement of a bronze artwork statue on the west side of the restrooms in Linear Park and the City has been approached to change the location of the statue. Prairie Travelers is also requesting the installation of lighting to spotlight the piece. Silcott stated that if the City Council authorizes the lighting, staff recommends the use of solar or wind powered lighting to reduce long-term costs and minimize the impact of any trenching through the park as well as to creating an aesthetically pleasing sight line. Any costs associated with the placement of lighting will depend upon the lighting type and the specific installation requirement.

Brian Silcott provided a map showing the placement of the statue.

MOTION: Councilmember *Zimmerman* moved to approve the placement of the statue and to allow the placement of solar lighting. Councilmember *Torske* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2016 OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION

Brian Silcott and Matt Lawn, City Treasurer presented a draft of the 2016 General Fund Operating Budget with proposed expenditures of \$3,873,160, a 1.5 mill decrease from 2015. Silcott and Lawn presented the proposed 2016 total operating budget with total expenditures of \$9,869.150.

MOTION: Councilmember *Torske* moved to approve the 2016 Budget as presented and to authorize the publication of the notice of public hearing for July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Offices. Councilmember *Zimmerman* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Brian W. Silcott, City Administrator
Cc: Department Directors & Staff
Re: City Administrator Report
Date: July 6, 2015

Staff Vacancies: Kelly Bergeron has accepted the position of Director of Community Development. Kelly will begin Monday, July 13. Kelly comes to the City as the Executive Director of REAP and the Director of Administrative Services for Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. Prior to her service to REAP & Workforce Alliance, she served as the Assistant to the City Manager of Edmond, Oklahoma. We are excited for Kelly to be part of the Goddard team!

June Water Use: The month of June saw the City pump 16.3 million gallons of water with 14.2 million gallons being sold to customers, 595,000 gallons was used for municipal purpose (pool, parks, waste water,

etc.), and 1.5 million gallons was lost due to water leaks and unaccounted loss. The water loss for June amounted to 9% (10%-12% is the state average).

Water Supply Line Payment: The City's debt service for the 16" water supply line is due in August. A future July AP should reflect a payment of \$83,814.62 for the second half of 2015. The next payment will be due in April 2016.

Walnut Street Project: The project is underway and weather permitting should be completed by August 7. Should complications arise the Goddard Pulse will be utilized to inform citizens and City staff will meet with residents to discuss the project as requested by residents within the work zone.

June Sales Tax Distribution: The City received \$101,910 in total sales & compensating use tax for June. This number does not account for sales tax collections within the STAR Bond district as those funds are used to repay the STAR Bonds. Year to date we have collected \$446,659 in sales tax (\$303,442 Sedgwick County Distribution, \$143,218 City Sales Tax (\$107,414 capital improvements and \$35,804 General Property Tax Relief). Please see Treasurer Matt Lawn's Attached Graph.

Redbud Trail: The City of Andover invites you to attend the Redbud Trail's ribbon cutting. The ceremony will be held July 16 at 6pm next to the trail intersection at Andover Road (1628 North Andover Road).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian

Brian W. Silcott,
City Administrator

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Councilmember Torske said he hopes the Walnut Street Project will be completed before School starts.

Councilmember Zimmerman asked when they would break ground for the Aquatic Center. Brian Silcott stated the developers are waiting for an appraisal on the property, which should be in any day and said he is hopeful that it will be soon.

Councilmember Zimmerman asked if there were any complaints on the firework tents. Sam Houston, Police Chief reported that there was none.

Councilmember Ramirez welcomed Kelly Bergeron as a new staff member. Ramirez stated that he and his family enjoyed the Lions Club Fourth of July event and said he thought Goddard's event offers more than just fireworks by serving free ice cream and watermelon.

Mayor Marcey Gregory thanked all who were involved with the Fourth of July event. Gregory announced that the National Night Out event would be the first Tuesday in August and encouraged other members of the Governing Body to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember *Torske* moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilmember *Ramirez* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Teri Laymon, City Clerk*